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Subject: FW: Petition to EPA for Reconsideration of the HHWQS Rule for Maine/Idaho Letter on HHWQS

Additional requests for follow up on petitions concerning the EPA HHWQS rule for Idaho and WA state.

Don
Senator Don Benton
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From: Schwartz, Jerry [mailto:Jerry_Schwartz@afandpa.org]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 10:26 AM
To: Benton, Donald <benton.donald@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Petition to EPA for Reconsideration of the HHWQS Rule for Maine/Idaho Letter on HHWQS

Don,

I thought I would check in on the various submittals to the agency on the HHWQS issue (i.e., from Washington, Maine, and Idaho). Is there anything else that you need to process these requests? Are there any questions that have come up? I also was thinking of checking in with the General Counsel's and Policy offices. Thank you for your consideration of this matter, Jerry Schwartz.

From: Benton, Donald [mailto:benton.donald@epa.gov]
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Subject: RE: Petition to EPA for Reconsideration of the HHWQS Rule for Maine/Idaho Letter on HHWQS

Jerry,
I have made sure a copy has been delivered to our General Counsel and our Policy Office as well as to the Chief of Staff to the Administrator.
Thank you,

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From: Schwartz, Jerry [mailto:Jerry_Schwartz@afandpa.org]
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 1:43 PM
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Dear Mr. Benton,

As Chris McCabe indicated to you, Maine and Idaho are facing similar issues to those that underlie the petition for reconsideration in Washington State.

Specifically, in Maine, EPA disapproved previous Human Health Water Quality Standards (HHWQS) and issued a final federal rule applicable to certain waters in the state. In response, Maine sued the agency, and that case is ongoing. Attached is a petition for reconsideration and withdrawal that Governor LePage sent to Administrator Pruitt on February 27th.

In Idaho, EPA also disapproved existing HHWQS. In response, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) revised the HHWQS and sent them to EPA for approval. Attached is a letter from the Director of DEQ to Administrator Pruitt requesting that EPA approve the revised HHWQS.

EPA's actions in all three states are based on the same legal theories and policies.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

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